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In re application of

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Group 3721

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FORM-FILL-SEAL MACHINE

CO-PENDING LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
10/810,655	March 29, 2004	3721

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

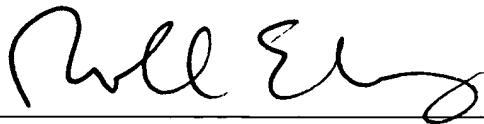
The above-listed co-pending application is not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants do NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application or this application. See MPEP § 101.

Furthermore, if said application should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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